## MEDICAL BACTERIOLOGY DIVISION

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Dr. R. Devignat, Directeur Ecole A.M.I. B.F. 1815 Elisabethville Congo Belge

Dear Dr. Devignat:

Dr. Joshua Lederberg has written to me about your interesting observations and he has also informed me about his letter of September 25 to you in which he told you that I would be very pleased to receive your material and all necessary background information. This is to inform you directly about my interest in this matter. As you may know, I have been working on genetic problems of pathogenic organisms for many years and also on problems of recombination in <u>E. coli</u>. Although I have very little experience with <u>Pasteurella pestis</u>, I do not foresee any difficulties re-examining your very intriguing observations in our laboratories here. I am looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Most sincerely yours,

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cc. Dr. Joshua Lederberg